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Ward 1 residents learn of important tips on personal safety and crime reporting.

## Ward 1 Safety and Housing Workshop

OAPIA, along with the Vietnamese American Community Service Center, organized a workshop for Vietnamese residents to inform them of public safety measures and available housing programs. The workshop was held at All Souls Church in Ward 1 on April 21 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Approximately 30 residents attended.

Residents listened to guest speakers from the Asian Liaison Unit, the Metropolitan Police Department in the 4<sup>th</sup> District, the DC Housing Authority, the Housing Counseling Services, Inc, the DC Public Service Commission, and the Department of Mental Health with the aid of simultaneous interpretation in Vietnamese. During the workshop, residents were introduced to a bilingual Vietnamese police officer from the 4<sup>th</sup> District who wrote down reports of crime incidence and suspicious activities in their neighborhood as well as provided personal safety tips and crime reporting procedures. Residents also learned of available housing resources such as the government home purchase assistance program and the various government housing choice voucher programs.

This event is part of a series of workshops provided by the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs which aims to empower limited English proficient residents in the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

## Medicare/Medicaid Consultation Program

Bilingual staff at the Chinatown Service Center will be available to answer questions in Chinese on Medicare/Medicaid benefits and options beginning June 2, and thereafter on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. A grand opening featuring speakers from the Baltimore and Philadelphia Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Chinatown Service Center, and the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs is scheduled for May 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Entertainment and lunch will also be provided at the grand opening.

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## Mayor Williams Signs Language Access Act

Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed into law the Language Access Act on April 21 following a unanimous vote by the Council to pass the Act.

The Language Access Act will provide greater access and participation of those with limited English proficiency in government programs and services. The Act also designates the DC Office of Human Rights responsibilities for carrying out obligations under the Act.

The passage of the Language Access Act was a culmination of efforts by the DC Language Access Coalition, a broad-based coalition representing the African, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino communities. The Coalition will hold a Language Access Act community celebration on May 5 to commemorate the passage of the Act with food, theater performances, and music.

## Federal Funding Opportunities

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces funds to address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families by providing outreach to runaway and homeless youth; temporary shelter; food; clothing; individual, group and family counseling; and aftercare referrals, as appropriate. Application deadline is 6/4. Please call (412) 366-6562 for more info.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces funds leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Degree for Current and Prospective Public Child Welfare Practitioners. Application deadline is 6/18. Please call (202) 205-8405 for more info.

## District Funding Opportunities

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) announces a one-year training program for emerging nonprofits and faith-based organizations with an annual budget under \$500,000. A mini-grant will be awarded at the completion of the program. Application deadline is 7/2. For details, please call (202) 727-8900.

Serve DC announces funding to increase the academic achievement of students in math and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers. Application deadline is 5/3. Applicants must attend a Pre-Application Conference on 4/13 from 10 am - noon, Logan Training Center, 215 G Street, NE, Room 114. Please call (202) 641-5766 for details.

## Foundation Funding Opportunities

Share Our Strength (SOS) announces funds to increase the number of children participating in after-school and summer nutrition services that take advantage of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) reimbursement programs. Application deadline is 7/25. Please call (800) 969-4767 for details.

The DC State Education Office's (SEO) Special Nutrition and Commodities (SNAC) Unit announces funds to reimburse organizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines to provide meals to eligible District children (18 years or younger) and some people with disabilities. Application deadline is 5/14. Please call (202) 727-6436 for info.

The Legal Services Corporation announces funds to provide civil legal services. Please email [competition@lsc.gov](mailto:competition@lsc.gov), or visit the grants competition Web site at <http://www.ain.lsc.gov>.

Some of the information above is excerpted from Funding Alert, a free service of the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development. Email [fundingalert@dc.gov](mailto:fundingalert@dc.gov) to be added to the list or visit [http://opgd.dc.gov/services/grant/funding\\_alerts/index.shtm](http://opgd.dc.gov/services/grant/funding_alerts/index.shtm) for archives.

## EMPLOYMENT/INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Southeast Asian Resource Action Center announces the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. Please visit <http://www.searac.org/new.html> for details.

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) is recruiting summer 2004 interns for community outreach. DVRP provides victim assistance services, community education, public advocacy, research, and referral services. Please call (202)464-4477 for details.

The Department of Personnel has created a new section on the DCOP website for bilingual job postings at the following address:  
[http://app.dcop.dc.gov/CVA/vacancy\\_list.asp?dcopNav=|31656|&type=bilingual](http://app.dcop.dc.gov/CVA/vacancy_list.asp?dcopNav=|31656|&type=bilingual).

The DC Office of Human Rights posted a vacancy for the Language Access Program Director position at <http://app.dcop.dc.gov/CVA/vacancy.asp?vnum=HM-04-185>. The position is open until filled.

The DC Department of Public Works posted for the bilingual SWEEP Inspector position at [http://app.dcop.dc.gov/CVA/vacancy\\_list.asp?dcopNav=|31656|&type=bilingual](http://app.dcop.dc.gov/CVA/vacancy_list.asp?dcopNav=|31656|&type=bilingual). The position is open until filled.

## Community Resources

The California Health Interview Survey provides information on the health and access to health care services of California's population including the Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian, and Vietnamese populations. Information can be accessed at [www.chis.ucla.edu](http://www.chis.ucla.edu).

## Community Calendar

5/10: Asian Pacific American Federal Career Advancement Summit in Arlington, VA. Please call (202)693-7775 for details.

5/14-5/16: Camp Wellstone Training on grassroots political campaigns in Portland, OR. Please call (202)546-6752 for details.

5/23-5/25: Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum in Washington DC. Please call (202) 466-7772 for details.

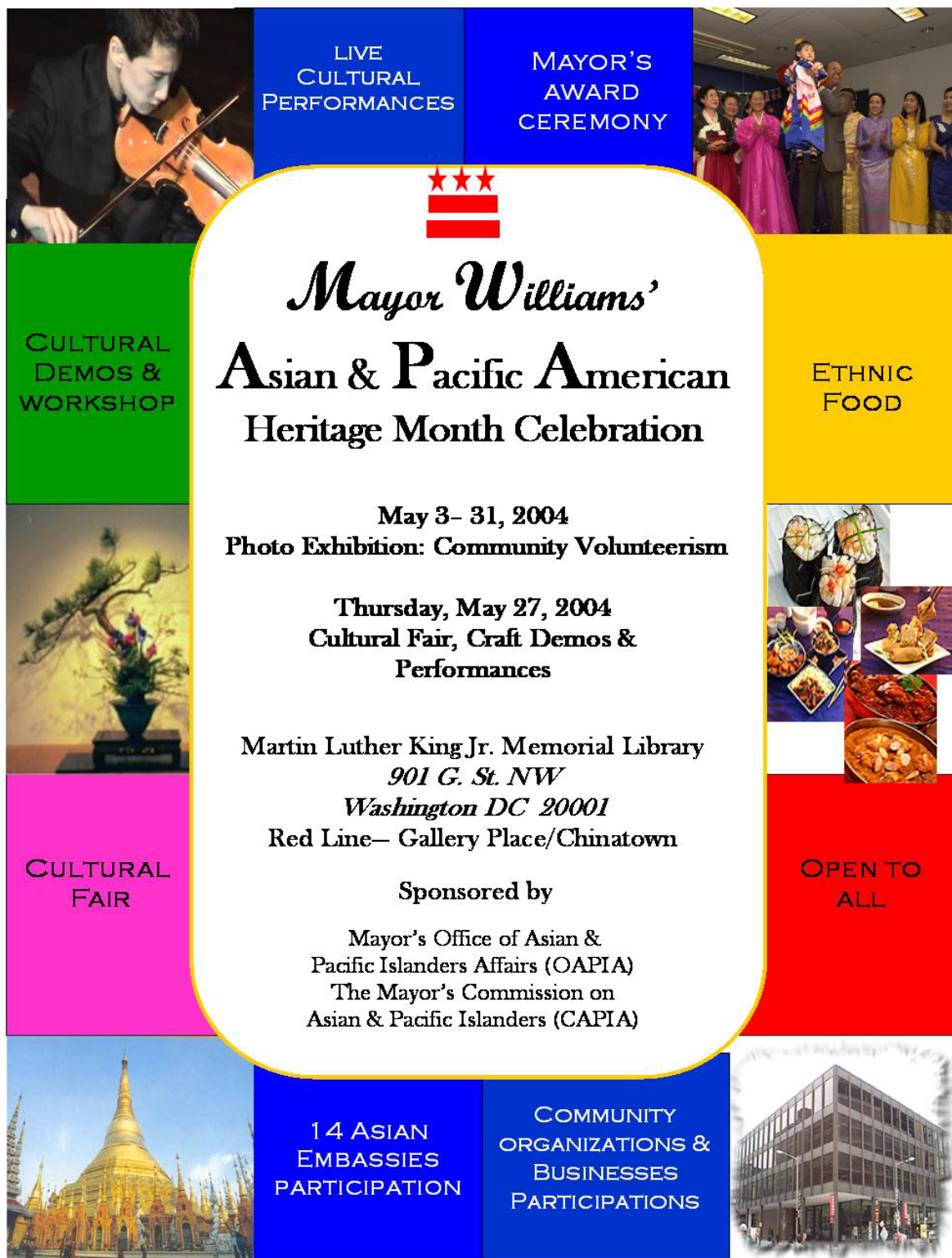
5/28-5/31: National Youth Leadership Development Camp: Camp Len Duong 2004 in Palomar Mountain, CA. Please visit <http://www.vhkhvn.org> for details.

6/23-6/25: 2004 National Refugee Program Consultation in Washington DC. Please visit <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/> for details.

6/28-6/30: New American Freedom Summer Training for volunteers to register immigrant voters. Please call (202)974-8051 for details.

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If you have any questions or would like to include information about your organization's program in our newsletter, please contact Lisa Nguyen at (202) 727-3120 or email [lisa.nguyen@dc.gov](mailto:lisa.nguyen@dc.gov).



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*Mayor Williams'*  
**Asian & Pacific American  
Heritage Month Celebration**

**May 3- 31, 2004**  
**Photo Exhibition: Community Volunteerism**

**Thursday, May 27, 2004**  
**Cultural Fair, Craft Demos &  
Performances**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library**  
**901 G. St. NW**  
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